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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH VISIT

REFERENCE: KABUL 7559

FOR CHARGE FROM NEA/PAB CONSTABLE

1. REGRET WE WERE UNABLE PROVIDE FULL ACCOUNT OF WAHID ABDULLAH'S TALKS AT SAME TIME WE SENT INSTRUCTION FOR YOU TO SEE NAIM. OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN AT THAT MOMENT WAS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FORESTALL ADVERSE REACTION IN KABUL FROM FACT THAT PRESIDENT WAS UNABLE TO SEE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. AS I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, DRAFTING AND CLEARANCE OF STATE 210797 REPORTING IN FULL ON ABDULLAH'S TALKS TOOK MORE TIME AND WE THOUGHT IT INADVISABLE TO HOLD OFF ON YOUR SEEING NAIM TO EMPHASIZE ENORMOUS PRESSURES ON PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE DURING ABDULLAH'S VISIT.

2. BRUCE LAINGEN HAS WRITTEN YOU WITH MORE DETAILS ON THE PROBLEMS WE ENCOUNTERED HERE DURING ABDULLAH'S VISIT. HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL THIS MORNING FROM AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR RELAYING MESSAGE FROM WAHID IN LONDON THANKING ALL IN DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR COURTESIES AND GENEROUS COMMITMENT OF TIME. HOPEFULLY HE WILL DO HIS BEST ON HIS RETURN TO KABUL TO DAMPEN RESENTMENTS THERE.

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